

# Pioneer League Won by West High

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### Lawndale Topped

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West High's opponent in the CIF "AAA" football playoffs will not be announced until Monday. With 13 league champions assured of a berth in the playoffs, three vacancies will be filled by the three most representative second place teams.

By rolling to a 27-12 championship victory in the Pioneer League, West most likely eliminated Lawndale's chances of getting into the post season games. The score was convincing. A 7-6 win would have been another story.

When Dan Whelan ran back a third quarter pass interception 52 yards and Paul Johnson booted, his second extra point, it pretty well turned the tide for the Warriors.

In high school, when the score goes to 14-6, it takes more than one touchdown, and usually two, to overcome an opponent. There is no 2-point conversion.

This must have been the thought going through the minds of everyone along the West bench as the players began congratulating each other as early as the start of the fourth quarter.

There was a noticeable collapse in the Lawndale defense as well. Momentum, stimulated by depressing the opposition, led to West's third touchdown and cinched the victory.

Before Lawndale could snap out of it, West had a 27-6 lead.

Even at this stage of the victory, vice principal Paul Hawkins paced the sidelines, watching the clock tick off.

West appeared headed for a fifth touchdown, moving for a couple of first downs in the final five minutes. The drive was stopped when Dave Boyd committed West's only fumble of the night. A black-shirted Cardinal grabbed the ball, but it squirted right back to Boyd.

While the head linesman stared helplessly, the field judge ruled he blew the whistle during the scramble and awarded the ball to Lawndale.

As the "sidelines" gathered around one official to get an interpretation, Coach Fred Peterson decided to handle the argument all by himself and began pushing everybody around.

After the game the field judge, who refused to give his name, came over to apologize, admitting he "blew" the call. Had the score been close, it could have been disastrous.

Playing on somewhat of a neutral field at Leuzinger High, both teams returned to their own schools to shower and dress after the game.

Since both teams went into the game with an 8-0 record, a pitch was made to play it in a bigger stadium, but Leuzinger held the crowd. It's a hell of a place to get in and out of, though. The exists are suited for a prison.

But the victory was a big one for West, ending a 17-game win streak by Lawndale and stretching its own string to 13 games over a 2-year period.

A "game plan" is essential for winning. Lawndale is traditionally successful with its game plan, but obvious things went wrong Friday night. Quarterback Gary Granville did not make the best use of the rollout. He took much too much time with his passing, too.

Lawndale thought it could stop West with almost a nine-man line at times. Although they stopped Boyd on every other play or so, the Cards found out he is a tough man to bring down. Dave's 51 yard punt return was in front of the Lawndale bench, and it simply looked like the referee could not find the end of his whistle, and the big Boyd kept coming like a wave from the Pacific Ocean.

But the real secret to West's victory was Coy Hall. He threw a football with authority. Coy's broken hand kept him out so much this season, Lawndale may not have been aware of his passing potential, but Coach Peterson kept him in the lineup the entire game and everything went well.

West can be a threat for the CIF title. The Warriors are in the lower bracket which has Excelsior to contend with. But the upper bracket is loaded with Temple City, Morningside, Crespi and Santa Maria.

For the moment West is enjoying its first major championship. Next year the school will be in the Bay League, so it is a nice way to go out of the Pioneer League with a pennant.



TURNING THE CORNER . . . Dean Owens (48) of West breaks for the Lawndale goal line while Dave Boyd (27) flattens one man and gets ready to block another. The West Warriors scored 29 points in the second half to beat Lawndale, 27-12, for the Pioneer League football championship Friday night at Leuzinger. It was the school's first varsity football title.

### Cards Bow, 27-12

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West High scored three times in the second half Friday night to break open its highly touted game against Lawndale and earn a berth in the CIF "AAA" playoffs.

West recorded a 27-12 win to claim the Pioneer League championship and climax a perfect season—the first in the history of the school.

The touchdowns were scored by Gary Kendrick, Dan Whelan, Dave Boyd, and Dean Owens. Boyd's touchdown, coming the final quarter on a 21-yard run, was his 27th of the season.

Lawndale took a 6-0 lead on a 35-yard pass from Gary Granville to Doug Willard with 6:23 left in the first quarter. The touchdown was set up when Lawndale blocked a West punt—with only 10 Warriors on the field—and took possession of the football at West's 40-yard line.

Granville found his target on the third play of the series and Lawndale went ahead, 6-0. On the conversion attempt, the quarterback was pulled down short of the goal line on a bootleg.

The score stayed at 6-0 until midway through the second quarter.

West had the football on its own 24-yard line when QB Coy Hall faked a handoff, then raced 48 yards up the middle of the field on a draw play. Hall was caught from behind at the Lawndale 29-yard line. He threw an incomplete pass to Dean Owens then hit Kendrick on two passes. One was good for 6 yards and the second for 18 and a touchdown. Paul Johnson booted the first of three conversions with Jim Parton holding.

West, heavily penalized in the first half (officials marched off 70 yards against the Warriors) left the field with a 7-6 lead.

The Warriors came back from the half with a different attitude and on the first series forced Lawndale to punt from the 41-yard line. Boyd took the punt and raced down the left sideline through most of the Cardinals—for 51 yards. He was pulled down at the 9-yard line.

In three plays the Warriors moved the ball to the 5, then Hall, on a fourth-and-five situation, tried the draw again. He got to the 1-foot line before being hauled down and Lawndale took over.

Granville had the Cardinals on the move when, following a 15-yard penalty for holding, he was suddenly faced with a 3rd-and-16 situation on his own 49. He rolled out and fired the ball down the right side.

But Dan Whelan was there. Whelan picked off the pass on his own 48 and raced 52 yards down the sideline for the touchdown with 2:01 remaining in the third period.

West scored again with 9:59 left in the fourth period. Boyd took a pitchout and found a big hole in the left side of the Lawndale line and walked into the end zone. The touchdown was set up when Owens also took a pitchout from Hall and turned it into a 20-yard gain.

The final West score came after Gary Marconi intercepted another Granville pass. He picked it off at Lawndale's 39-yard line and six plays later—on a fourth-and-four play—Hall hit Owens for 17 yards and the touchdown.

Lawndale scored its final touchdown on a 62-yard pass play that was anything but textbook perfect. Granville, fired the ball from his own 38-yard line downfield to Mike Ernaga. But he juggled the ball and teammate Tom Matera grabbed it in mid-air and scored.

West High . . . 0 7 7 13-27  
Lawndale . . . 6 0 0 6-12  
West TDs—Kendrick (18-yd. pass from Hall), Whelan (52-yd. return on pass interception), Boyd (21-yd. run), Owens (17-yd. pass from Hall); PATs—Johnson, 3 (kicks), Lawndale TDs—Matera (38-yd. pass from Granville), Willard (62-yd. pass from Granville).

### FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

## Torrance Has 4th Year of Losing

When the football season ends, a poll showing the rankings among the poorest teams is easy to establish. No. 1 ranked is El Segundo of the Pioneer League which lost nine games, including 20-6 to Lennox Friday night. No. 2 would be Torrance High which salvaged a 20-20 tie against Culver City two weeks ago to prevent an all-losing season. The Tartars went down to defeat, 33-20, at Beverly Hills Friday afternoon. It was the fourth straight losing season for Torrance.

Third in the rankings is Redondo which won its opening game from Torrance, 19-18, but has been battered about by seven opponents.

But there are some new heroes on the football front this season. Mira Costa vaulted to second place in the Bay League, finishing with a 4-2 record after starting out with a 20-0 loss to South.

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with a 20-18 (first time) win over Inglewood. Jeff Wang streaked for two more touchdowns to give him 19 for the year. He ran 31 and 5 yards to score. Morningside's 35-7 win over Leuzinger gave the Monarchs the Sky League for the second year. Rolling Hills finished a half game behind with two ties. The Titans finished with a 27-0 win over Culver City. Crespi won the Camino Real League title with a 14-0 win over runner up St. Bernard's. Bishop Montgomery was a third in the league, finishing with its third most successful (6-3) season. Mike Ramariz, Prep player of the Week, returned a punt 75 yards and ran 1, 29 and 30 yards to score four touchdowns as Bishop clubbed St. Monica's 34-16. Ramariz had 138 yards in 13 carries to go with Greg Collins' 10 completions for 144 yards passing.

Barber (2 yd. run); PATs—Barber 2 (kicks).  
Lasuen, 13-6  
Murphy . . . 0 0 0 0-0  
Lasuen TD—Barra (3 yd. run).  
Peterson (4 yd. pass from Barra); PAT—Barra (2 yd. run).

Beverly Hills  
Torrance Hills . . . 7 0 0-20  
South TD—Wang (6 and 21 yd. runs).  
Torrance TDs—Watkins (1 yd. run), Billings (1 yd. run); PATs—Van Kralingen (pass from Watkins).  
Beverly Hills TD—Heumann (4 and 1 yd. runs), Cole (3 yd. run).  
Wasserman (22 yd. pass from Heumann); Bourne (22 yd. pass from Heumann); PATs—Vladka 2 (kicks).

Rolling Hills  
Rolling Hills . . . 7 7 7-27  
Culver City . . . 0 0 0 0-0  
Rolling Hills TDs—Papadakis (5, 3 and 6 yd. runs), Aronstein (5 yd. pass from Plet); PATs—Aronstein 2 (kicks).  
South, 20-18  
South . . . 7 6 7 0-20  
Inglewood . . . 6 13 0-16  
South TD—Wang (6 and 21 yd. runs).  
Scott (1 yd. run); PATs—Aronstein 2 (kicks).  
Inglewood TD—Avram (20 and 17 yd. runs), Fisher (1 yd. run).

Lennox, 20-6  
El Segundo . . . 0 7 0 0-7  
Lennox . . . 7 0 0 0-6  
El Segundo TD—Strane (2 yd. pass from Gentry); PAT—Dobson (1 yd. pass from Strane).  
Ceci (6 yd. run); PATs—Palompos 2 (kicks).

Palos Verdes, 13-9  
Palos Verdes . . . 0 9 0 0-9  
Palos Verdes TD—Phillips (12 yd. run), Rabin (8 yd. run).  
PAT—Jacko (kick).

West Sweeps Three Titles  
With 36 seconds to play, Rick Peterson completed a pass to Mark Kronar, good for 90 yards, to give the West High Bucs a 13-7 win over Lawndale.

The victory brought West an unbeaten, untied season in the Pioneer League.

The West Ces had an 8-0 record with a 52-12 win over Lawndale.

The school's three football teams went undefeated in the Pioneer League.

In the "AAA" division, South High qualified for the playoffs. He said, "The playoffs are ice cream after dinner."

"Considering that about 15 of 16 league champions go into the playoffs, only to end a successful season in defeat, there is a drawback," the coach said.

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HAPPY TEAMMATES . . . End Gary Kendrick (87) and Dave Boyd (27) of West High congratulate each other after scoring touchdowns in West's 27-12 win over Lawndale Friday. Boyd had 27 touchdowns in nine games. (Press-Herald Photo)

### West High Qualifies For Cross Country Race

West High's undefeated CIF finals with second-place finish and Redondo finished fourth to earn a berth in the CIF finals "AA" division by compiling the lowest score of the meet.

The Warriors led all teams with 49 points by placing five of the seven runners in the top 15 individual finishers.

Dave Young paced the West team with a time of 9:37 to finish fifth in the race and second in the qualified team standings. Individual running unattached are not included in team scoring.

Other West finishers were Ron Johnson 9:50 (10), Karl Rodefer, 9:52 (11), Bob Cooper, 9:52 (12), Steve Smith, 9:54 (14), Rich Tussing, 10:04 (25), and Tom Reed, 10:09 (30).

In the "AAA" division, South High qualified for the playoffs.

Still trailing Baltimore by a game in the tough Coastal Division, the Rams embark on a two-game road trip beginning today in Atlanta and climaxing on national television Thanksgiving Day in Detroit.

Southern Californians can follow the action both days over KNXT-TV (Channel 2).

Success in each of these, the final road games, would make Los Angeles undefeated away from home in 1967 and would mark the first time in the club's 30-year history that it has gone unbeaten on the road. A tie in Baltimore and victories in New Orleans, Dallas, Chicago and San Francisco have given the Rams a 4-0-1 record.

## North High Plays Santa Barbara in CIF

Highly-publicized Santa Barbara, outweighing the Los Angeles Rams in the line, will oppose North High in the first round of the CIF football playoffs next Friday at Santa Barbara.

Bob Pointer, the 447-pound defensive tackle for the Dons, is only one of three linemen who exceeds 260.

The Alka-Seltzer eating contest must have originated in Santa Barbara. The Dons have little sympathy for their opponents, having wrecked nine of them with wild abandon. "The bigger we are the harder they fall," is how the Dons feel about their opponents.

Santa Barbara is No. 3 among all CIF prep teams, having rolled up 429 points to 66 for the opposition.

Gavin (263). The only success the opposition has had against them is passing. North High stresses the roll-out and a quick running game.

Santa Barbara has been scoring 50 points a game, an indication of its ability to move the football. The Dons' quarterback Grady Hurst likes to throw long bombs and medium passes. Sam Cunningham and Tony Jack-

son are the better of several speedsters in the backfield. The two teams got ready for the playoffs by winning Friday. Santa Barbara blanked Ventura, 41-0, while North downed Redondo, 32-14.

Redondo led, 7-6, at the end of the first period, but North talked twice in the second and third quarters to wrap up the victory early.

touchdowns for the Saxons. Quarterback Dan Hansen passed for two and ran one over himself.

Santa Barbara scored 21 points in the second quarter to engineer its winning drive.

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